

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-23 and 25-26 are pending. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claim 24. Claim 5 adds a period “.”. Claim 6 has been amended for consistency with the specification. Claim 11 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Claim 17 has been amended for clarity. Accordingly, the Applicants believe that no new matter has been introduced.

Objection—Specification

The specification was objected to as not providing adequate antecedent basis for the subject matter of Claim 6. This objection is moot in view of the amendment of Claim 6 for consistency with the terminology on page 25 of the specification.

Claim Objections

Claim 11 was objected to as containing the character “0” instead of “O”. This objection is moot in view of the amendment above.

Claim 17 was objected to as being in improper dependent form. The Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 17 merely imposed a further limitation on the R^{H2} and R^{H3} already defined by Claim 1 by requiring that they not be halogeno groups. Nevertheless, to expedite prosecution, Claim 17 has been revised to recite only the non-halogeno groups described by Claim 1.

Rejection—35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 1-10, 12-23, 25 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moore, U.S. Patent No. 5,466,877 alone, or in view of Bierschenk et al.,

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U.S. Patent 5,093,432. This rejection is moot in view of the incorporation of the limitations of Claim 11 into independent Claim 1.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicants thank Examiner Keys for indicating that the subject matter of Claims 11 and 24 is otherwise in condition for allowance. As Claim 1 now incorporates the limitations of Claim 24, the Applicants submit that all the claims should now be allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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